



ECCE Delegates and Kamra tal-Periti

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Malta

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**TUESDAY 3 MAY 2011 | MORNING | THREE CITIES****PRICE OF TOUR - €25 per person**

The Three Cities can rightly claim to be the cradle of Maltese history, as Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua have provided a home and fortress to almost every people who settled on the Islands. Vittoriosa, or Birgu, one of the Three Cities, lies on one of the promontories jutting into Grand Harbour, opposite Valletta. At its tip is Fort St Angelo, the oldest fortification on the Islands. The strategic position of both fort and city over the millennia has led some to call this area 'the cradle of Maltese history'.

Guests will be given time at leisure where they can have lunch at a venue of their choice while enjoying views of Valletta and the Grand Harbour.

**TUESDAY 3 MAY 2011 | EVENING | ST. JULIAN'S****PRICE OF TOUR - €27 per person**

Following an afternoon at leisure, the guests will be given the opportunity to enjoy the sun setting over the towering buildings on the St. Julian's Promenade. A short stroll along the coast will lead the guests to a nearby restaurant where they can enjoy a three-course dinner overlooking the view of the Mediterranean sea.



**WEDNESDAY 4 MAY | MORNING | SOUTH OF MALTA****PRICE OF TOUR - €46 per person**

The day commences with a visit to a typical local village, Siggiewi, where the guests can walk through the narrow alley ways which mark this quaint village.

We proceed our tour with a visit to an insight of Maltese history. Bringing old and new together enjoy an extensive feature within a modernised quarry that explains one of Malta's foremost trades of quarrying together with farmhouse building and stone decoration always using the limestone that gives its name to this spectacle called 'The Limestone Heritage'.

On the way there, guests will be stopped to admire the breathtaking view of the sea, the islet of Filfla and the Blue Grotto, found in the neighbouring village of Zurrieq.

Lunch is then served at Ta' Marija Restaurant, a Maltese Restaurant based in Mosta. While in Mosta, guests will be visiting the third largest church dome in Europe, at the Church of the Assumption of our Lady.

**WEDNESDAY 4 MAY | EVENING | MDINA****PRICE OF TOUR - €50 per person**

Mdina is a medieval fortified city crowning a hill in the centre of the Island, commanding magnificent views. This city is home to many Palaces with an extremely peaceful atmosphere thus getting its name, the Silent City. The panoramic view from the bastions is truly breathtaking.

Guests will then proceed to dinner at a restaurant within the Silent City.





THURSDAY 5 MAY | FULL DAY | GOZO

PRICE OF TOUR - €75 per person

Islands always conjure up a sense of escapism and mystery... and nowhere more so than Gozo. The Island is a third of the size of Malta, lush and more rural, and exudes a relaxed pace of life. It is the ideal secluded bolt-hole, and at just 20 minutes or so by ferry from Malta. What makes Gozo special are its legends, folklore and crafts. The Island's history is a mix of myth and reality.

Upon arrival at the Mgarr Harbour, the guests will spend their day visiting some of the famous landmarks in Gozo including the **Ggantija Temples** and the capital **Victoria** with the **Citadel** fortifications. Here the guests will be allowed time for exploring the market in the square and do some shopping, after which they will proceed to lunch. The afternoon will see the guests visiting the beautiful **Azure window** at **Dwejra** and stopping to captivate breathtaking views of **Comino** from Qala.





FRIDAY 6 MAY | MORNING | VALLETTA

PRICE OF TOUR - €60 per person

Architecturally superb, Valletta was built by the Order of St. John after the Great Siege. Foundations were laid in 1566 and the plan was to build an impregnable fortress containing a civilized, elegant city. In fact, one of the most significant aspects of Valletta is that it was architecturally planned from scratch, on the virgin land of the Sciberras peninsula that lies between Marsamxett and the Grand Harbour.

It was the most strategic position on the island, the one most coveted by the Turks during the siege and Grand Master La Valetta made it his for all time.

For this reason, Valletta is literally overflowing with palaces, churches, monuments and works of art. Today, it may be the commercial hub of the island but it has retained all of its historical, architectural charm.

Accompanied by a licensed guide, upon arrival in Valletta, the guests will be taken to the **Upper Barrakka Gardens** for an enchanting view of the Harbour. The tour will then continue to the **Grand Master's Palace** with a stop for a coffee break served in the gardens of the noble home **Casa Rocca Piccola**, making for an exclusive touch to the day's tour.

The guests will then proceed to **St. John's Co-Cathedral**, Malta's most prized monument to the glorious epoch of the Knights. In the Oratory is Caravaggio's masterpiece 'The Beheading of St. John' which one renowned critic has described as the painting of the 17th century.

A light lunch at Piazza Regina will add to the experience of local traditions, and the guests will be allowed time for shopping before making their way back to the hotel.



**SATURDAY 7 MAY | MORNING | MDINA AND TA' QALI****PRICE OF TOUR - €15 per person**

The guests will be given the opportunity to see the 'Silent City' come alive, as it will be bustling with activity on this Saturday morning. Mdina will be hosting an activity titled 'Medieval Mdina', a festival focusing on re-enactments, pageantry and floral displays. Activities also include a medieval street market, jousting, a display of birds of prey, as well as medieval games for everyone. Entrance fees for all museums and attractions in Mdina come at a reduced rate for the occasion.

On the way back to the hotel for lunch, Guests will be stopping at Malta Craft's Village in Ta' Qali, a former RAF wartime air-field, where they will be able to see local experts create all kinds of beautiful artefacts, from blown glass to the famous Maltese lace, and from pottery to intricate filigree jewellery.



**SUNDAY 8 MAY | MORNING | MARSAXLOKK****PRICE OF TOUR - €45 per person**

Marsaxlokk is a typical fishing village, where its picturesque waterfront can be seen all lined with 'luzzus', the traditional Maltese fishing boat. The 'luzzus' painted in traditional reds, blues and yellows, add colour to this peaceful bay, once the site of the first Turkish landing during the Great Siege of 1565.

The guests will be allowed time to stroll around the popular Sunday morning market, after which they will be invited for lunch. A 3-course fish based lunch will be served at a typical Maltese restaurant that specializes in fish.





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